

# Lord, Teach Us to Pray Whose Will Be Done?

February 24 & 25, 2024

#### Matthew 6:9-10, KJV

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

#### Luke 22:39-46 NIV

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

### John 6:38,40 NIV

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

#### **Food for Thought:**

When was a time you struggled to know God's will?

When do you feel tempted to disregard God's will?

What is something you're praying for today, for God's will to be done?

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# **Happy Birthday!**

Feb 25 Jean Salewsky Feb 27 Tessa Nicolaus

Feb 28 Kristin Bonlender, Lori Hagenstein

March 1 Stephanie Poree March 2 Mary Stodola

<u>Ushers</u> <u>Greeters</u>

Saturday 5pm Jan Giza

Sun 9am Susie Klostermann

Sandra Grasse

Don & Debbie Koloski

Sun 10:30am Diana Schoen

Ann Markuson

Al & Mary Helsell

New Member Joining at 10:30am Worship:

Emily Weiss: I am happy to have found my church family after recently moving to this area. Thank you to everyone at Still Waters who has welcomed me here. I look forward to working with the children's, youth & women's groups to help the church achieve its mission to grow my faith.

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Still Waters Family,

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ! It has been an amazing first week in Lent, with much study, discussion, and prayer. We have over 50 people in small groups meeting at church each week- one group Tuesday morning, five groups Wednesday night. We're studying the Lord's Prayer both in weekend worship and in our Wednesday night groups. This weekend we'll consider "Whose Will Be Done as we continue to study the Lord's Prayer. I welcome you to worship this weekend, Jeff Radley will be preaching, and we will continue to pray in new and powerful ways as we "Pray More in 2024."

A few notes about the upcoming opportunities, this week and beyond:

#### Seeking Easter Candy Donations, Anytime in February!

Don't forget! Still Waters Kids is looking for candy donations to fill plastic Easter Eggs as we prepare to invite our friends and neighbors to Easter Events/Worship season. Any wrapped candy that can fit in plastic Easter eggs would be great! **Bring to church anytime this February** as our Still Waters Kids will be filling Easter eggs on February 25 and our youth will be filling Easter Egg-Your-Neighbor kits (ask Jena!) using those eggs on the evening of February 25! Contact Jena at <a href="mailto:jenametzler@gmail.com">jenametzler@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

### **Tuesday Morning Study Group**

Join us for an **11-week study** of the book "**The Substance of Things Hoped For,**" by Samuel DeWitt Proctor. This book is a memoir of African-America faith, written by Dr. Samuel D. Proctor. Dr. Proctor was a friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a leader in the civil rights movement of that era, and a pastor and professor at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Proctor chronicles his family's journey from his grandmother's slavery, through the monumental victories of the civil rights movement and beyond. We'll meet Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m from February 20 - April 30. Sign up on the Connection Card or online. Book is \$15, available at church.

# Wednesday Night Lenten Study Groups (and dinner)! "The Lord's Prayer"

Our Wednesday night dinner and study is amazing! If you haven't come yet, it's not too late! Interesting that in this 40-day season of Lent, we had 40 people sign up and participating in dinner and small groups. Wonderful! Join us on **Wednesday evenings** at church for dinner and small groups. This is an excellent opportunity if you're new to Still Waters *or* have been here for a long time to get to know some new people and dive deeper into your faith. Here's the Wednesday schedule:

- 6:00: Dinner (optional) ready for you! This provides a quick and convenient alternative for families so you don't have to rush to get food before coming to church. Feb 28 menu:
  Spaghetti with garlic bread, salad and dessert. Salad meal alternative available upon request, email Vicki at <a href="mailto:vsp0013@qmail.com">vsp0013@qmail.com</a>.
- **6:30: Video** shown in sanctuary. The video will intro the material to be discussed in small groups that night. It is based on the reading for that night.
- 6:45 7:45 pm: Meet in small study groups in different areas in the church.

Each adult study small group will be studying a book upon which the Lenten Sermon series is based. The book is by Adam Hamilton, "The Lord's Prayer" (cost \$20 for the book and it is available at church.) This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, study, and digging deeper into our faith, and particularly into the Lord's Prayer, the most important prayer in our faith! As we study in depth the words Jesus taught us to pray, we'll prepare ourselves to experience deeper meaning every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. Sign up on our Connection Card or website. **Small group facilitators are: Debbie and Don Koloski, Teresa Young, Nancy Maier, Guy Hoppe, and Hap and Kathy Itson.** All groups in person except there will be one group meeting via zoom (Hap and Kathy's group.)

#### Pray More in 2024!

Life is crazy, busy, stress-filled and unpredicable. What if we could draw our hearts even closer to God's heart in 2024, to see from His perspective? To experience his leadership and wisdom? To remember the 'wow' of God and give Him thanks? To walk with through the valleys? To restore us? To use us more than ever before in His world? What are the limitless possibilities of what God might do this Lenten season and beyond, if we deepen our connection to Him? This Lenten season, not only are we studying the Lord's Prayer, but we seek to provide many ways that we might each grow in our connection to God as we pray for one another, those who are struggling in a variety of ways, and pray for those not yet among our faith family. May this be a season of restoration and Kingdom movement at Still Waters Church. We'll have many opportunities to deepen our God-connection this Lenten season. If you haven't already, invite you to begin by filling out the attached prayer form and return to us, either through email (office@stillwaterschurch.com and llossie@yahoo.com) or in the offering at worship, just indicating some possibilities for your God-connection through prayer this season! Also, print the 2nd attachment, for some powerful prayers you can use as a bookmark or on a mirror or other prominent place you will see every day. Let's pray more in 2024!

#### March Food Drive, Sponsored by Still Waters Kids!

We are so proud of Charlotte Ruffing and all of Still Waters Kids who would like to lead us in mission next month by holding a food drive in March to benefit Slinger Food Pantry. Here are examples of donations that are especially helpful:

- Hygiene Products: Shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, sanitary products, Kleenex
- Canned Food: canned mandarin oranges, canned meals, such as chef boyardee items, canned pineapple
- Beverages: bottled water, bottled juice; individual or family size
- Packaged food: hamburger helper, cake mix, cereal, crackers, granola bars, taco kits, jelly, ramen noodles, cookies

Please bring donations in to church anytime in March. How exciting to see our young leaders here at Still Waters Church! We do have amazing children!!! Contact Jena at <u>jenametzler@gmail.com</u> if you have questions.

# IMPACT NIGHT: Support Our Amazing Youth, Sunday Evening, March 3

You can make an "IMPACT" on the next generation! "Impact Night" is a new twist on what was formerly called Trivia Night. All are invited to come on March 3, 6:00 p.m. and enjoy an awesome evening of fun questions, answers, prizes, dessert auction and more! We'll have questions geared for all ages, with categories such as "sink or float," and many other categories. Feel free to bring food to share with people at your table, or there will be subs, pizza and drinks available for purchase. Cost is \$25/person, or \$190 for a table of 8. Creativity encouraged- theme based tables will receive extra points! Come as individuals, or form your own team. All proceeds will benefit our awesome youth ministries! Sign up online or on the Connection Card.

#### \*\*Seeking Gourmet Desserts!

Impact Night is an amazing fundraiser for our youth! As a delicious part of the evening, we are requesting home-made, gourmet desserts that are easily portioned into individual servings. At Impact Night, we will have friendly competitions between tables. Anyone donating a home-made dessert will earn extra points for their team/table and the winning dessert of the night will earn extra points and bragging rights for a year! Purchased, gourmet dessert will also earn you some points for your table/ team. We welcome desserts even if you are unable to attend the event! Sign up to bring a dessert online or on the Connection card or contact Lisa to let her know what dessert you'll bring.

#### **Silent Auction Baskets**

We would also love donations of theme-based silent auction baskets for Impact Night! Sign up online or on your Connection Card or let Lisa (<u>lisa.maaco@gmail.com</u>) know what basket you'd like to bring!

#### **Blood Drive, March 5**

On Tuesday March 5, the American Red Cross will be at Still Waters Church. Save lives and donate blood! To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and search: StillWaters or call 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767).

#### **Nurturing Needles**

Nurturing Needles ministry will meet, Thursday, March 7, 3:30 p.m. All welcome!

#### Feeding America, March 13

Come join us as we feed a couple hundred families in about an hour! Our next Feeding America is Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. meeting in the church lobby to receive several pallets of food and distribute. On-the job training available! Sign up on the Connection Card or Online.

## **Spring Confirmand Retreat, March 15-17**

For our youth who are being confirmed this May, we are getting ready for our Spring Confirmand Retreat, at Camp Whitcomb/Mason, Hartland, WI. The retreat goes from **Friday March 15 at 6:00 p.m.to Sunday, March 17**. Youth and leaders will carpool back to the church on Sunday morning, and attend the 10:30 worship service together. We'll grab some soup at Souper Sunday, and then there will be a **confirmand parent meeting at 12:30 on Sunday March 17**. Cost for the retreat is \$100 per confirmand (\$50 due by Feb 20, and the rest due by March 1). **Register on the Connection Card or the website**. Peer mentors (high school youth) who would like to attend should see Lisa for an application to attend the Confirmand Retreat.

Looking ahead...

#### **Still Waters Women Spring Retreat**

All women are invited to a Spring Retreat April 12-14, 2024 at Cedar Valley Retreat Center, 5349 County road D, West Bend. Overnight is available, however, for anyone wanting to attend, but not stay over, Saturday only participation is an option. Karen Yates will be our facilitator. We will also offer an optional yoga session with Chrissy Steiner (who also instructs Holy Yoga Tuesday mornings at Still Waters.) Chrissy is very experienced with adjusting a yoga practice to accommodate many levels and abilities during the session. The following pricing is preliminary as the price could be lowered depending on the number of ladies we have participating. Please note, room rates include all meals (Dinner Friday, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast o Sunday) and all program costs.

Single occupancy - 2 nights - \$340

Double occupancy - 2 nights - \$310

Saturday only W/Lunch - \$80

Saturday only W/Breakfast and Lunch - \$90

Saturday only W/Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner - \$110

Saturday only W/Lunch and Dinner - \$100

Feel free to indicate interest on the Connection Card or on our website. Registration form must be filled out. Form available at worship on the Welcome Table or form is attached to this email.

#### Quest Camp, June 16-21

Quest camp is a remarkable, ridiculously fun, re-imagined way for youth groups and youth leaders to experience God, encounter Christ, grow closer as a group, and refocus!. Quest camp is for **incoming 6th graders through seniors in High School,** and this year will be **June 16-21**. Quest camp includes Bible study and worship, an expansive high ropes course, climbing tower and zipline, amazing lakefront activities, and refreshing food and lodging. One of the greatest things about Quest is that our youth group and leaders attend together, creating a stronger fellowship bond within our youth group and experiences that create lifelong memories that deepen our faith journey. We are super excited that our very own Maddie Seiler and Aaron Haas will be Quest Camp Counselors this summer! The cost per camper is \$340.00. Deposit of \$50 due by end of February, with \$100 due monthly after that. See Lisa for details, and sign up online or via the Connection Card.

It is truly a privilege to begin our Lenten journey together! Praying for you!

Pastor Lori